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As the 25th nears, Santa warms up with a dress rehearsal for the big night, with a first stop at the Quebec Society for Crippled Children's annual Christmas party. With only the bare props of a snowy beard and wig, MUC Police Sgt. Roma Campeau, as captured by Gazette photographer Tedd Church, got rave reviews from about 600 youngsters treated to gifts donated by the force.

Montreal this morning

By L. Ian MacDonald

Tempting cash handouts the key to Games lodging

The Monday notebook:

A taxi disgorged an elegant Italian gentleman in front of a downtown highrise not long ago. He told the doorman he was just in from Rome, needed 15 apartments for the period of the Olympics, and would sign one-year leases on the spot, cash up front. When told there were no vacancies he asked if the doorman knew of other buildings that might accommodate him.

On Nun's Island, some tenants with three-bedroom units have been offered up to $100 a day for the use of their apartments next July. That's $3,000 for the month, and mighty tempting when it pays to take a holiday.

Of course, this is illegal under special accommodations legislation enacted for the Olympics. But nothing's to be done about transactions between private individuals unless the visiting party complains—a remote possibility. Moreover, the accommodations bill promises to be an administrative nightmare, and provincial officials will have enough trouble regulating the public sector without worrying unduly about fast killings made by private citizens.

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A record crowd of 23,000 turned out for last Thursday's Bob Dylan- Rolling Thunder Revue at the Forum, and wherever such things are discussed, they'll be raving about this one for years. Such was the variety and splendor of the performance, as colleague Juan Rodriguez stated in his review Saturday, that it seldom lagged despite its duration of 4 ½ hours. If it is possible to steal the show from Dylan, then Joan Baez did so. The audience was by turns hushed, roused and moved by the incredible purity of her voice. As for Dylan, it speaks of his enduring influence that, even when singing his trademark songs, they invariably come out as new versions. Altogether, a memorable concert, certainly the best I've ever seen... Baez sang Suzanne, with a dedication to its author, Leonard Cohen, who moved about the audience in his home rink. And in a touching gesture, Baez did a number for war resister Jesse Winchester, for many years a resident of Montreal. Jesse couldn't be there, however, as he was himself singing out at the Edgewater... Gordon Lightfoot, who performed with the troupe earlier in Toronto, was supposed to show up here but never made it.

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More on the wonderfulness of Mirabel, this time as viewed by a senior Air Canada pilot, who understandably wishes to remain anonymous, and says he's seen the vaunted passenger transfer vehicle run into foul-ups all over the world. As if the moonbuggies didn't pose enough problems for debarking passengers, crews are left behind and made to walk across the tarmac, often to the accompaniment of jet blast. Other pilots say the flight briefing room is too small for the crews of all airlines to be using. None of this is apparent to the travelling public, of course, but it's evidently coming out in conversations among those who have to work there.

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Westmount alderman Brian Gallery is organizing for the Draft Lougheed movement here in the hope of persuading the Alberta premier he stands first in the heart of some Quebecers. Despite Lougheed's unequivocal statement he would not likely respond even to a draft at the Tory leadership convention, enthusiasts cling to the maxim there's no such thing as a final no in politics... Meanwhile the executive of the Conservative Party's Quebec wing met here Saturday to elect 21 delegates at large to the convention. The result was a smashing victory for Claude Wagner, who evidently attended the meeting. But the outcome will almost certainly be contested on the convention floor by Brian Mulroney's managers. And it does sound a bit packed when Liam O'Brien, former national director of the Tory party, is excluded from the delegation, presumably because he's known to support Mulroney.

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Finally, this from CJAD newscaster Art Leonard, looking on the bright side of Olympic costs: "If the city built this stadium in 10 years, we couldn't afford it."

Montrealer envious . . . . . . of supermarket clerks

Toronto the better for teachers

By BARBARA YAFFE
of The Gazette

Striking Toronto teacher Charles Cameron believes he deserves a salary equal to an engineer with comparable education and experience. His counterpart in Montreal, Geoff Smith, wonders why he isn't paid as well as a grocery store clerk.

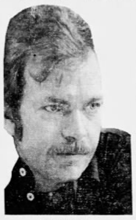
"I'd strike — I can't survive this way," says Smith with a shrug, adding, "It would be an absolute last-ditch effort."

Teacher morale in both cities is rock bottom despite wide differences in wages and working conditions separating high school instructors like Cameron and Smith.

Strike action in Toronto was taken almost four weeks ago by 8,800 secondary school teachers whose contract expired Aug. 31.

In Montreal union leaders are talking about the possibility of a strike early next month by the province's 80,000 elementary and secondary school teachers — working without a contract since June 30.

While Toronto teachers have been quicker to the picket line, Beaconsfield High School's Smith says, "There are teachers in Quebec that would crawl for what Toronto teachers are turning down right now."



GEOFF SMITH
. . . earns $11,606

Offers wide apart

Under current Ontario and Quebec government offers, Cameron's pay this year would be $22,900, Smith's $12,534.

Chemistry teacher Cameron, with a bachelor's degree and 16 years experience, earns $18,400 annually compared to Smith's salary of $11,606 with the same academic training and 10 years' experience. If Smith had an overall background identical to Cameron's he'd be earning $13,203.

There is, in fact, only one year's difference in classroom experience between the two, but Cameron has an additional eight years credit for his background as a working chemist.

Union demands call for a $23,500 salary for Cameron and an income of $17,604 for Smith. Even if Smith had Cameron's experience, he'd be making $19,276 according to his union's demands, $4,324 less than he'd be earning in Toronto.

SALARIES WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND 16 YEARS EXPERIENCE

	in Toronto	in Montreal
now earns	$18,400	$13,203
union demands	$23,500	$19,276
government offer	$22,900	$14,259

"It's demeaning when you look around at salaries for what I always considered to be lesser positions like postal workers and grocery clerks," says 32-year-old Smith.

"I took a drop in salary of $3,600 to go into teaching seven years ago," says Smith, who worked as a sales supervisor for a packaging company before deciding "I had something to offer young people."

Smith is in debt and says he can't survive another year on his current salary.

Smith, his wife and their two young children, rent a small home in Dorval. His rent — $145 per month — is good, he says, but "grocery bills are another thing.

"After taxes and everything else taken off, I make $740 each month . . . that doesn't go very far when you've got car payments.

Poor models for pupils

"What kind of people are you going to attract to teaching that have to live like I do. We're models for the students for so many hours a day. I don't know how they expect us to dress," says Smith.

The family has cut down on buying clothes, spends "almost nothing" on entertainment and Smith says he cannot remember when he last went anywhere on a vacation.

Cameron, 43, married and the father of four, has similar complaints. He too, took "a fair cut" in pay when he left his job as a CIL chemist to answer "his calling" as a teacher.

The family lives in "a sparsely furnished" but comfortable four-bedroom home in the middle class Toronto suburb of Etobicoke. The home was purchased, says Cameron, before real estate costs spiralled.

Like Smith, Cameron has problems with the family's grocery budget.

"Up until four years ago I gave my wife $100 per month for food," says Cameron, "We now spend $250 a month."

Most of the children's clothes are second-hand, he says, adding, "I haven't bought myself a suit since 1969."

He'll hang in

To Cameron, teaching is a seven-day-a-week job. He puts in 60 to 70 hours, acting as swimming and golf coach and astronomy club supervisor in addition to his course duties."For me as an individual, doing something I like and I think is important can counterbalance an income that I might think is something lower than I should get," he says. "I think we can kind of hang in there.

CHARLES CAMERON
. . . earns $18,400

"But when I heard about teachers' wages in Quebec, I was incredulous," he says.

Smith, who puts in about 50 hours a week teaching, preparing course work, acting as basketball coach and art and publicity club director, says "teaching plays a large role in my life outside the school" and he enjoys it.

But a decision will have to be made this year, he says, between finding another job or leaving the province to teach elsewhere.

"I'm not trying to live high. I don't particularly want to do many things that require a lot of extra money," Smith says. "I just want to be able to carry on."

Premier hits hot-line heat

Quebec's Liberal government has always emerged with a clean slate from a barrage of accusations about immoral and improper conduct, Premier Robert Bourassa said on the weekend.

Replying to charges that a member of his staff orchestrated a project to plant favorable calls on hot-line radio shows, Bourassa said it was no more than "a tempest in a teapot."

Civil servant Andre Corbeil said a week ago in a sworn affidavit that Charles Simard in the premier's office pressured him into calling open-line programs with pre-arranged questions for Liberal cabinet ministers.

Bourassa said Simard, hired on a six-month, $6,000 contract to study the impact of hot-line shows on the public, recruited Corbeil "on his own initiative" and the plan had no official approval.

Asked if the morality he preaches might be different from the morality he practices, Bourassa insisted it is "grossly dishonest and unfair to involve the morality of the government because one part-time employee made an error in judgment.

"We have to make a distinction between occasional phone calls by militants and systematic rigging," he said on CJAD's Quebec Report program. "We are against that and think it is morally unacceptable.

"I don't have a lesson to receive from anyone on public morality in the past, the future, or any place because I am part of a government which took dramatic action in that field."

He attributed the repeated accusations about improper conduct of the Liberal government to the "post-Watergate era where people are looking for all kinds of things."

Asked if his office should spend public funds on partisan research, Bourassa said he has requested an opinion from the Quebec Public Service Commission on the propriety of the hot-line show study.

He said the opposition parties also receive public funds. "If Jacques-Yvan Morin (PQ house leader) can have $150,000 to do political studies, why should I be unable to do one $6,000 study?"

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